The Ground Level Credit under Secondary Sector (secondary sector comprises of Non Farm activities/Artisans, handicrafts, Handlooms, including SSI) provided by Public Sector Commercial Banks for last 2 years is as under:

(Amount in Rs. crore)

Year	Credit provided under secondary sector
2004-05	67,800
2005-06*	82,492

*Provisional

Stopping of use of foreign exchange reserves

2303. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the use of forex to build core sectors like infrastructure during Eleventh Plan has been stopped despite comfortable position of forex;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the current availability position and whether it is more than the anticipated peak requirement; and

(d) if so, how the excess is proposed to be utilized?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) Foreign exchange reserves have not been used for building core sectors like infrastructure in the past.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) India's foreign exchange reserves stood at US $193.1 billion on February 23,2007. Government has not fixed any target or estimated any peak requirement for foreign exchange reserves.

(d) Does not arise.

Increase in Personal Loans

†2304. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.